

BUILDING ACTIVITY IN EASTERN CONNECTICUT

NEW HOUSE FOR OCCUM

Operations During the Week Through-out the State.

The record of real estate transactions for the week, as shown by the number of warrants deeded filed in the Connecticut towns, reported by The Commercial Record, about equals that of the like week of 1914. For the past week there were 361 sales with mortgage loans of \$822,170, and last year there were 345 sales, with mortgage loans of \$754,157.

The six incorporations formed in the state last week have a total capitalization of \$142,000, comparing with seven incorporations with total stock of \$127,500.

For the past week three bankruptcy petitions with assets of \$7,045 and liabilities of \$23,115 were filed in the state, a record about equal to that of the like week of a year ago.

During the week building permits were granted for the construction of New Haven, Hartford, Bridgeport, Waterbury and Stamford to the number of 187 for buildings costing \$584,504. Last year in the same period 194 permits for buildings costing over \$300,000 were issued.

Contracts awarded last week include the new plant of the Bridgeport Projectile Co., in Bridgeport, which will cost over \$500,000; residence work in New Haven, Bridgeport, Hartford and Waterbury; brick business block in Bristol; addition to bathing pavilion in New Haven; which will cost \$15,000; and a large number of one and two family houses in all parts of the state.

Plans are being prepared for a hotel, store and apartment block; rectory and brick apartment building in Bridgeport; gymnasium and residence work in New Haven; two brick apartment buildings in Stamford; factory addition in Waterville; schoolhouse addition in Rocky Hill; and several brick tenement houses in Hartford. Much smaller work is also reported in nearly all of the cities of the state, and while there is no sign of a building boom in Connecticut the indications are that the coming summer will be the nearly as active as usual in the building trade.

Norwich had four sales of real estate last week to 22 year ago. The mortgage loans for the two weeks were \$9800 and \$15,123 respectively.

SOUTH MANCHESTER.

The new residence which is being erected for John T. Robertson, is now ready for plaster.

Farber West have work well under way on the erection of a new storehouse on Main street for the Parnell estate. It will be 30x40 feet, two stories and basement. John Mahoney has the mason work.

Ferris Brothers have been awarded the contract for the plumbing and Thomas Waddell the mason work for the new house being erected on Griswold street for Edward Wisotzki.

F. M. Robinson has just completed a new garage on Woodbridge street for Clarence Wilson. He is making alterations to a house on Hudson street for F. N. Tyler.

Max Rubenstein of Hartford has purchased a building lot on Bissell street from the Orford Realty Co., and will have a two-family house built on the site.

Plans are being figured for alterations to the first floor of the building at the corner of Main and Court streets, owned by the McDonough Realty Trust. There will be a new copper front, tile floors and new plumbing.

The Arizona Coal Co. have started work on the new coal pocket to be erected on Water street. It will be 66x28 feet and will have a capacity of 2000 tons.

James J. Cooney, 67 Warwick avenue.

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To be Erected by Gustave Lambert—Work Started on Taftville Church—Progress on Other Contracts About the Town.

Gustave Lambert is about to commence the erection of a new residence in Occum and operations will probably begin next week. The house will be a two-story high with seven rooms and will have modern improvements as far as possible. The interior will be attractively finished off.

At Work on Second.

The second residence which William Beckwith is erecting on Broad street in Occum formerly belonging to the Slater estate, is now being covered in. The erection of the partition walls and the roof is well advanced as possible. The first house erected by Mr. Beckwith on Broad street is well along to completion. It is now plastered and the interior work is being finished up.

Finished and Occupied.

The handsome residence erected on lower Williams street for Dr. Thomas Crowley is now completed and is being occupied. The residence is a two-story high and has all modern conveniences including electricity hot and cold water. The interior is very attractively finished.

Girders All in Place.

At the Chapman building on Franklin square the final section of the iron girder has been placed in position and the masons are now at work making repairs to the brick work on the second story. During the past week good progress has been made at the store and the frames for the large show windows are now partly in place. The frames are of copper and will provide substantial support for the glass. Inside the store the new metal ceiling has been installed and painted white.

New Fronts.

The new fronts for the stores in the building on Franklin street owned by

the Fritwell estate have been commenced. The plate glass is held in place by copper corners and the frames are supported on brick foundations. Blackledge & Company had charge of the alterations.

Plasterers Busy.

In Durkee Lane the changes in the two-story wooden frame building owned by Joseph Hartley of Franklin street, are daily progressing. The building has been changed over into a two tenement house and new partitions have been erected to replace those damaged in the fire which broke out in the building some weeks ago. The plasterers are now at work.

Plate Glass Front.

The plate glass has arrived for the new front being installed at the store on Franklin street owned by W. S. Ailing and occupied by the Geesey Repairing Company and has been placed in position. The glass is being held together by copper corners and the window frames are supported on brick foundations. Blackledge & Company had charge of the work.

Sacred Heart Church Work.

The contractor in charge of the building of the addition to the Sacred Heart church in Taftville has raised the roof of the present church several feet. As fast as the roof is raised the walls are built up. At the present time the workmen are engaged on the roof and the interior of the church.

Repairing McMahon House.

The repairs to the house owned and occupied by Thomas E. McMahon on John street are about completed. Some weeks ago the house was extensively damaged in an early morning fire and the house has in large measure been rebuilt. The roof was practically burned off and considerable damage was done to the rear and also to the interior of the building.

NEW LONDON

Contractors Are Busy and Prospects Good for Much More Work.

William M. Darrow, who purchased the John Henson residence at Ocean and Willets avenues, has elevated the stable on the Willets Avenue side, constructed new underpinning and foundation and is doubling the size of the former structure to make a two-family dwelling.

The Ocean Beach cottages recently sold by Judge Charles B. Waller is being altered by Contractor Middlebrook of Baltimore, whose family is occupying the cottage. A large addition is being constructed in the rear and the front has been raised to make another story.

Brick masons of H. R. Douglas, Inc., have shown speed in the past two weeks and have the walls of the Y. M. C. A. building up to the height of the first story windows. The specifications for the plumbing in the building are now out for figures. The other sub-contractors have all been let.

Wanted, a contractor of the new cottage built on his lot in Ocean View place, Ocean Beach. Miss Newman's cottage at Ocean Beach has been erected and roofed and is nearly boarded in.

The New England Engineering Co., two-thirds of it, tillable Morocco has less than 10 per cent. of its soil under even the rudest cultivation.

Namara, John Crane is doing the mason work. The contract for the plumbing and heating will be let shortly. James Sweeney is the architect. Permits Sought.

The following building permits were sought in New London this week: Charles J. Dwyer, to build rear of 20 Methodist street, 20x20, for a garage.

Charles R. Brown, to build garage at 11 Woodbridge street, wood 25x30. Sheffield Dentrific Co., to build a factory rear of Waller street, brick, steel and wood 55x35.

J. Wisch, two story addition, 35 Bayonet street, wood 12x24. Ciro Benati, alteration and addition.

AGRICULTURAL INTERESTS

POTATOES.

No Best Variety—But Much To Be Said For the Popular and Tried.

Storrs Experiment Station is conducting variety tests with potatoes in order to obtain definite information on this point. For the present it is enough to say that there is no best variety. Green Mountain for late and Irish Cobbler for early planting are undoubtedly good. Others may be as good, but these are commonly grown and are the ones to which the potato grower is most likely to turn.

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COLUMBIA.

Madison Woodward has purchased a lot on the Columbia Lake and will erect a frame bungalow.

may be treated by cutting out the infected portions of trees and coating the cut surface with gas tar as soon as the weather is warm. The gas tar is said to act as a disinfectant and preservative, and not other treatment is necessary.

EGG LAYING CONTEST.

Record of Columbia Hen, the Winner in Previous Test, Being Distanced This Year.

With the close of the 26th week the international egg laying contest at Storrs is half over. It is interesting, therefore, to make some comparison with the preceding contest as to the probability of breaking the records of last year. The best individual score for the third contest was 265 eggs, made by a Connecticut White Wyandotte from Columbia. At the end of the first six months up to May 1st, her record was 108 eggs, whereas in the fourth or present competition there is a pen of Columbia Wyandottes 123, a White Wyandotte 127, and a Rhode Island Red 124; in short there are more than 120 eggs which at the end of the first six months are ahead of Merrythought's record for the year for the corresponding period.

As to aggregate scores, there were over 20 pens of White Wyandottes, 2,000 eggs in the contest a year ago. One of these at the end of the 26th week had a record of only 763, whereas the present contest started with 18 pens, equalled or bettered. During the first 26 weeks the score of 763 mentioned above. In addition to these there is a pen of Columbia Wyandottes and a pen of English Black Leghorns that are within 10 eggs. Thus there are 20 pens of White Wyandottes laying 2,000 eggs or better.

The English pen of White Wyandottes owned by Ed Cam have been the first to actually pass the half way mark to 2,000 eggs. The winning pens for the week are as follows: Tom Barron's White Wyandottes, 2,000 eggs; J. B. Beck, Canaan, Conn., White Wyandottes, 1,980 eggs; Poultry Farm, Stroudsburg, Pa., Leghorns, tied for second with 58 eggs. James H. Lord's White Leghorns from Methuen, Mass., and James Y. Thomas' White Leghorns from Ballston Lake, N. Y., tied for third with 55 eggs each.

At Storrs, the new record for White Rocks, White Wyandottes, Columbia Wyandottes, Rhode Island Reds, White Leghorns and Black Leghorns, were set by the 26th week. The first week, three of these 27 going up to 80 per cent. or better. The total yield for all pens was 4,214, or 267 eggs gain over last week; all this in spite of the fact that there were 38 hens held up in the broody cages during this period.

The ten leading pens to date are as follows: Elmer Houghton, near Preston, England, White Wyandottes, 1,033; Hillview Poultry Farm, St. Albans, Vt., Rhode Island Reds, 924; Tom Barron, Catforth, near Preston, England, White Wyandottes, 923; A. P. Robinson, Calverton, N. Y., White Leghorns, 895; P. B. Beck, Canaan, Conn., White Wyandottes, 889; Merritt M. Clark, Brookfield Center, Conn., Rhode Island Reds, 844; J. B. Beck, Canaan, Conn., White Leghorns, 842; Colonial Farm, Temple, N. H., Rhode Island Reds, 842.

Local Council Organized.

On Tuesday evening the men who had previously signed up for a local council, Boy Scouts of America, met in the town hall and completed their organization. The new council has the distinction of having the only local council in Eastern Connecticut.

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Troop No. 1.

Troop No. 1 held its regular weekly meeting Sunday morning, May 1st. Most of the fellows showed up in their uniforms, which were purchased later. The boys sold maple sugar from Vermont to help earn their suits. They look like real scouts now, although clothes don't make the scout. Several of the fellows passed up in signaling. As Scoutmaster Wyckoff will be away for the coming month, matters were put into Troop Leader Graham's hands. Troop One's part in the past scout rally at the town hall resulted successfully. Scoutmaster Wyckoff has been appointed secretary for the coming month.

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At present the boys are considering a Boy Scout rally which it is hoped they will be able to produce shortly.

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YOUNG CHICKS.

Milk an Important Factor in Increasing Growth and Vitality.

On removing from the incubator take each chick individually and dip its beak in sour milk in order to make sure that milk is in the crop. Taken into its system says Leslie E. Card of the Connecticut Agricultural College, "it will keep the chick from drinking clean fresh water should be freely supplied to them. We have had reports of excellent results where chicks four weeks old had had nothing to drink but sour milk in such a case the chicks will naturally drink more milk than if they had water and consequently will make more rapid growth. Sour milk should be kept before the chicks all the time at least until they are six weeks old and preferably until they reach maturity. Milk is an important factor in increasing growth and vitality of the chicks and in reducing mortality from general causes. Tenderfoot and second class tests were held.

There will be a hike next Saturday afternoon and all scouts should meet at the church at 11.5.

After the business meeting next Monday night a local veteran will address the scouts on the Civil War. Scouts of other troops are requested to attend.

New Troop Formed.

Twenty-two boys of the Greenville (Connecticut) church have asked for a troop of scouts to be formed at their church. They met on Wednesday under the direction of O. W. Carpenter and listened to a talk about scouting by one of the local scoutmasters. Considerable enthusiasm was aroused and the boys intend to do ahead with their organization if a scoutmaster can be found.

One Reason.

People sometimes ask why it is that the Boy Scout movement continues its remarkable growth. There are many reasons, but one of the most important is the enthusiastic volunteer work of men throughout the country who have been quick to see the significance and value of the program.

National headquarters is frequently receiving new evidence of invaluable service by men who are dedicated to the future. The following extract from a letter recently received from Scoutmaster Francis B. Lincoln, of Troop 2, State College, Pennsylvania, is typical of this spirit of hearty support: "One night each week I am giving

DRY MASH.

Wheat Bran 20 lbs. Corn Meal 10 " Sifted Ground Oats 10 " Sifted Oat Flour 10 " Beef or Fish Scrap 10 "

CHICK FEED.

Cracked Wheat 15 lbs. Cracked Corn (fine) 15 " Pinehead Oats 10 " Sifted Oat Flour 10 " Chick Grit 5 " Charcoal (fine) 2 "

Dry mash should be kept before the chickens at all times after the first week. The composition may vary considerably and still give good results.

Green food such as sprouted oats, mangels, or lawn clippings should be fed regularly.

It is better to underfeed than to overfeed during the first three weeks.

Incomes Are Growing.

The notable increase in the income tax returns makes one almost suspect that the income tax is becoming a bigger in spite of the psychological depression.—Indianapolis News.

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Sliced HALIBUT lb.			